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## Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge Joint Health Area

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Public Health Office,  
214, High Street,  
Tonbridge.  
6th July, 1955.

To the Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge  
Joint Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1954.

The Report is given in its usual form. In the first part of the Report, sections dealing with STAFF, STATISTICS, HEALTH SERVICES, and INFECTIOUS DISEASE are combined to show particulars both for the Joint Health Area and for each District. In the second part of the Report, separate sections are given for each of the five Districts dealing with the SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES of the District, HOUSING and INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD. Separate reports by the Sanitary Inspectors are not given, but the record of their work is incorporated in the Report.

The population as estimated by the Registrar-General for the Joint Health Area for mid-1954 is 101,630, which is an increase of 1,075 from mid-1953. The figures for each District are given on page 10, together with the estimated population for the previous year; it will be noted that the population in each District has increased.

The BIRTH RATE for the Joint Health Area was 14·2, which was the same as in 1953 for the Area. The Birth Rate for England and Wales in 1954 was 15·2.

The DEATH Rate for the Joint Area was 11·8, whereas that for England and Wales was 11·3; in 1953 the Death Rate in the Joint Area was 11·6.

In the table of Statistics on page 11, in addition to the Crude Birth and Death Rates for the individual Districts, the Adjusted Birth and Death Rates are also shown. These Adjusted Rates are obtained by multiplying the Crude Rates by the Comparability Factors for the individual Districts supplied by the Registrar-General; this Factor makes allowances for the different sex and age distribution of the population in a particular District and so allows the Rates better to be compared with one another.

The INFANT MORTALITY RATE for the Area was 17·4, compared with 25·5 for England and Wales.

No MATERNAL DEATHS occurred in the Area during the year.

### Infectious Disease.

The number of cases of notifiable infectious disease are shown for each District on pages 15 to 17. No cases of Diphtheria were notified. No deaths occurred from Measles, Whooping Cough, or Scarlet Fever.

During the first quarter of the year an outbreak of Dysentery of the mild Sonne type occurred in part of the Sevenoaks Rural District. The total number of cases was 111, and the majority occurred in the Sundridge, Ide Hill area. The control of the outbreak necessitated the close co-operation between the general practitioners concerned, the Laboratory Service, and members of the Health Department; one Sanitary Inspector was engaged practically full time on this work. Three persons engaged in milk production had to be excluded from work by Notice under the Milk and Dairies Regulations and two food handlers by Notice under the Infectious Disease Regulations. A report on the outbreak was submitted to the "Public Health Laboratory Service Committee on Sonne Dysentery."

### Acute Poliomyelitis.

During the year, 2 cases of acute poliomyelitis were notified; one was a woman notified in July and the other a child of 11 years notified in December. No deaths occurred.

The number of cases notified and deaths from acute poliomyelitis in the Area, from 1947, when the disease first became prevalent, is as follows:—

	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Total cases ...	36	13	35	21	15	11	7	2
Total deaths...	2	1	3	1	1	1	—	—

### Tuberculosis.

In 1954, 54 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 14 new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified compared with 61 pulmonary and 8 non-pulmonary in 1953. During the year there were



10 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis and none from non-pulmonary compared with 13 deaths from pulmonary and 1 from non-pulmonary in 1953.

The figures for individual Districts are given on page 18.

### **Food Poisoning.**

Eighty-two cases of food poisoning were notified in the Joint Area during the year. Particulars are given for each District as shown in the Index.

### **Food Hygiene.**

Much educational work continues to be carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors during their visits to food premises. Structural improvements are noted in the Inspection and Supervision of Food sections of the individual Districts.

### **Slaughterhouses.**

Following the de-control of meat by the Government in July, private slaughtering again commenced in the Area. Details of the number of slaughterhouses licensed and the Carcases inspected are given in the Inspection and Supervision of Food sections of each District. In certain Districts this has resulted in a heavy increase in the duties of the Sanitary Inspectors.

**The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949: Section 20.** (Under this section a Medical Officer of Health may prohibit milk from being used for human consumption or require it to be treated before being used, if this appears to him to be necessary to prevent the spread of disease.)

A Notice was served in one case in Tonbridge Rural District under this section.

**National Assistance Act, 1948: Section 47.** (Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.)

I am glad to report that it was not found necessary during the year to apply for any removal Orders under this section.

### **Legislation.**

A number of new Acts and Regulations affecting the Public Health Department came into operation during the year; a list of these is given on page 14.

May I again thank the Members and Officials of the District Councils and my staff for their valuable co-operation during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. CRAWFORD,

Medical Officer of Health.

## SEVENOAKS, SOUTHBOROUGH AND TONBRIDGE JOINT HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1954-55

### Chairman:

Mrs. E. S. VINER, J.P., Sevenoaks U.D. Council.

### Members:

Miss A. J. CURRIE, C.B.E.	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. W. J. SMALL, J.P.	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mrs. A. WATERS	...	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. A. R. McAULAY	...	...	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. W. V. GILBERT-JOHNS	...	...	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. H. E. HALL, J.P.	...	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mrs. M. MORLAND, J.P.	...	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. G. W. M. SMITH, F.R.I.C.S.	...	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. F. W. E. DAWES, J.P.	...	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. A. JONES	...	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. J. WHITAKER	...	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. R. J. KEW	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council
Mrs. M. E. MIDDLETON	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council
Lt.-Col. H. R. H. ROUQUETTE	...	...	Southborough U.D. Council

Clerk: Mr. B. LEE, Tonbridge R.D. Council.

## CHAIRMEN, CLERKS AND SURVEYORS OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICT COUNCILS, 1954-55

Mr. W. J. SMALL, J.P., Chairman	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. B. H. EDWARDS, Clerk	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mr. N. W. COLE, Engineer & Surveyor	...	Sevenoaks R.D. Council
Mrs. E. S. VINER, J.P., Chairman	...	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. A. C. THWAITES, Clerk	...	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mr. H. E. PHILLIPS, Engineer and Surveyor	...	Sevenoaks U.D. Council
Mrs. E. HYATT-WOOLF, M.B.E., J.P., Chairman	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. B. LEE, Clerk	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. W. N. MILLER, M.B.E., Engineer and Surveyor	...	Tonbridge R.D. Council
Mr. F. W. E. DAWES, J.P., Chairman	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. S. J. THORNE, Clerk	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. B. BISHOP, Engineer and Surveyor	...	Tonbridge U.D. Council
Mr. J. HURST, J.P., Chairman	...	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. J. R. NICHOLSON, Clerk	...	Southborough U.D. Council
Mr. T. A. SCOTT, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector	...	Southborough U.D. Council



**STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:**

J. W. CRAWFORD, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

**DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:**

P. M. KIRKWOOD, M.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M. & H.  
(resigned 15/11/54)

A. CAMERON, M.D., Ch.B. (appointed 16/12/54)

**CLERICAL STAFF:**

Chief Clerk: Mrs. S. C. Downs

Shorthand-Typist: Miss J. G. Jones (resigned 31/1/55)

Miss C. J. Hibbert (appointed 21/2/55)

**SANITARY INSPECTORS:****Sevenoaks Rural District.**

E. J. A. Bettle, M.R.San.I., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.  
Senior Sanitary Inspector (also Cleansing Officer).

A. D. Lofts, M.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.  
Additional Sanitary Inspector.

R. H. Terry, M.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.  
Additional Sanitary Inspector.

C. T. S. Young, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.  
Additional Sanitary Inspector (commenced 1/10/54).

E. P. C. Cage, Temporary General Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

**Sevenoaks Urban District.**

W. J. Gypps, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.  
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

A. E. Williams, Cert. R.S.I. & S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat & Other Foods.  
Additional Sanitary Inspector.

**Tonbridge Rural District.**

- W. J. Davies, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.  
Senior Sanitary Inspector.
- E. J. Griffiths, Cert. R.S.I. & S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat & Other Foods.  
Additional Sanitary Inspector.

**Tonbridge Urban District.**

- J. H. Elphick, A.R.San.I., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.  
Senior Sanitary Inspector.
- L. S. Scourfield, A.R.San.I. (resigned 9/2/55).  
Additional Sanitary Inspector.
- F. H. Piggot, Cert. R.S.I. & S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.  
Additional Sanitary Inspector (appointed 4/4/55).

**Southborough Urban District.**

- T. A. Scott, C.R.S.I., Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.
- R. G. Wheeler, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.  
Technical Assistant to Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

**GENERAL STATISTICS.**

	Seven-oaks R.D.	Seven-oaks U.D.	Ton-bridge R.D.	Ton-bridge U.D.	South-borough U.D.	Joint Health Area
Area (in acres) . . . .	62,959	3,720	41,687	4,599	1,759	114,724
Home Population (R.G's estimate mid-1954) . . . .	34,110	16,070	22,750	19,930	8,770	101,630
Estimated Home population, mid-1953 . . . . .	33,820	15,750	22,530	19,790	8,665	100,555
No. of inhabited houses (end of 1954) accord- ing to Rate Book . .	11,313	4,901	7,121	6,069	2,993	32,397
Rateable Value . . . .	£244,479	£199,701	£168,568	£176,141	£74,757	£863,646
Sum represented by a penny rate . . . . .	£945	£781	£660	£680	£301	£3,367



## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1954.

		Seven-oaks R.D.	Seven-oaks U.D.	Ton-bridge R.D.	Ton-bridge U.D.	South-borough U.D.	Joint Health Area
LIVE BIRTHS	Legitimate : Male .	252	99	167	161	53	732
	Female	235	83	141	144	54	657
	<i>Total</i> .	487	182	308	305	107	1,389
	Illegitimate: Male .	9	—	10	5	1	25
	Female	11	4	8	1	1	25
	<i>Total</i> .	20	4	18	6	2	50
TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS		507	186	326	311	109	1,439
CRUDE BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated home population, 1954 . . . . .		14.86	11.57	14.33	15.60	12.43	14.16
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General . . . . .		1.08	1.06	0.99	1.04	1.15	—
ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE . . . . .		16.04	12.26	14.18	16.22	14.29	—
STILL BIRTHS	Legitimate : Male .	5	1	3	3	1	13
	Female	3	—	2	4	—	9
	<i>Total</i> .	8	1	5	7	1	22
	Illegitimate: Male .	1	—	—	—	1	2
	Female	1	—	—	—	—	1
	<i>Total</i> .	2	—	—	—	1	3
TOTAL STILL BIRTHS		10	1	5	7	2	25
STILL-BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births . . . . .		19.34	5.35	15.10	22.01	18.02	17.08
DEATHS	Male . . . . .	200	84	123	112	62	581
	Female . . . . .	211	96	133	113	64	617
	<i>Total</i> . . . . .	411	180	256	225	126	1,198
CRUDE DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated home population, 1954 . . . . .		12.05	11.20	11.25	11.29	14.36	11.78
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General . . . . .		0.87	0.79	0.87	0.84	0.74	—
ADJUSTED DEATH RATE . . . . .		10.48	8.84	9.78	9.48	10.62	—
MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE per 1,000 total (live and still) births . . . . .		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
INFANTILE MORTALITY	Male . . . . .	4	3	3	2	2	14
	Female . . . . .	2	—	5	3	1	11
	<i>Total</i> . . . . .	6	3	8	5	3	25
DEATH RATE under one year of age :							
All infants per 1,000 live births . . . . .		11.83	16.13	24.54	16.10	27.52	17.37
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		12.32	16.48	19.48	16.40	28.04	16.56
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births . . . . .		0.00	0.00	111.111	0.00	0.00	40.00
Death Rate for Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00

**TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages).**  
(Supplied by the Registrar-General.)

Causes of Death	Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Southborough U.D.		M
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	2	...	...
Tuberculosis, other ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Syphilitic Disease, ...	1	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Meningococcal infections ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	6	3	1	2	1	5	1	3	2	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	12	1	5	...	6	...	9	1	7	...	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	...	11	...	5	...	5	...	6	..	5	...
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	1	...
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	28	23	8	8	17	8	20	12	4	6	7
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	1	2	...	2	...	1	1	1	...	...	...
Diabetes ...	3	...	1	1	...	4	...	4	1	...	...
Vascular lesions of nervous system	18	41	13	13	18	26	9	27	7	7	6
Coronary disease, angina ...	35	14	19	10	10	22	15	4	11	9	9
Hypertension with heart disease ...	3	5	1	...	1	3	3	5	2	2	1
Other heart diseases ...	19	24	10	18	11	22	14	14	8	16	6
Other circulatory diseases ...	12	14	4	10	9	5	6	4	4	6	3
Influenza ...	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Pneumonia ...	8	17	2	7	6	5	11	6	3	2	3
Bronchitis ...	9	2	4	3	4	3	2	1	1	3	2
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	5	1	1	2	2	2	...	1	1	1	...
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum ...	2	7	1	...	1	2	3	2	1	1	...
Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea ...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...
Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	1	2	...	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...
Hyperplasia of prostate ...	7	...	2	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Congenital Malformations ...	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	2	2	...	...
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	16	30	8	8	13	10	6	5	3	1	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	2	2	...	1	5	...	2	...	...	...	...
All Other Accidents ...	5	2	1	5	7	4	3	3	2	1	1
Suicide ...	1	2	2	...	1	...	1	1	1	2	...
Homicide and Operations of War	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Totals</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>58</b>



## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

### Public Health Department.

The staff of the Public Health Department is given on Page 9.

### Laboratory Service.

The County Laboratory at Maidstone provided excellent facilities for the examination of specimens and full co-operation with the staff was maintained.

### Treatment of Scabies and Verminous Conditions.

No cases of scabies or verminous conditions in the area were treated at the Baltic Road Cleansing Centre during 1954.

### Hospitals.

The Hospital Management Committees of the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board covering the Hospitals in this Area are given below:—

#### Tunbridge Wells Hospital Management Committee:

Secretary: E. A. Wagstaff, F.H.A.

Sherwood Park, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells.

Telephone: Tunbridge Wells 3444.

Pembury Hospital.

Queen Victoria Cottage Hospital, Tonbridge.

Capel Hospital, Nr. Tonbridge.

Northfield Maternity Home, Langton.

David Salomon's Home, Southborough.

Edenbridge and District War Memorial Hospital.

#### Orpington and Sevenoaks Hospital Management Committee:

Secretary: L. G. Bain, F.C.I.S., A.H.A.

Orpington Hospital, Orpington, Kent.

Sevenoaks Hospital.

Oak Lane Hospital, Sevenoaks.

Cheyne and Hip Hospital for Children, Sevenoaks.

Sundridge Hospital.

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES.

(Sections 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936.)

DISTRICT	Homes first registered during year 1954	Homes on Register at end of 1954	Number of Visits	Number of beds provided :		
				Maternity	Others	Total
Sevenoaks R.D. .	1	1	2	—	36	36
Sevenoaks U.D. .	2	3	7	7	22	29
Tonbridge R.D. .	—	3	7	—	61	61
Tonbridge U.D. .	—	1	1	9	3	12
Southborough U.D.	—	2	2	8	11	19
TOTAL .	3	10	19	24	133	157

LEGISLATION.

Acts, Orders and Regulations affecting the Department made during the year included:—

Act, Order or Regulation.	Date operative from
Food and Drugs Amendment Act, 1954 (date to be appointed)	
Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 ... ..	30/8/54
Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954 ... ..	1/10/54
Slaughterhouses Act, 1954 ... ..	5/7/54
Housing (Declaration of Unfitness) Regulations, 1954 ...	17/12/54
Housing (Form of Orders and Notices) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954 ... ..	17/12/54
Housing Repairs (Increase of Rent) Regulations, 1954 ...	30/8/54
Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Amendment Regulations, 1954 ... ..	30/9/54
Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Regulations, 1954 ... ..	30/9/54
Public Health (Aircraft) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954	12/6/54
Public Health (Ships) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954 ...	12/6/54
Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Regulations, 1954	3/8/54
Rent (Restrictions) Rules, 1954 ... ..	30/8/54
Rent Restrictions Regulations, 1954 ... ..	30/8/54
Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1954 ... ..	1/10/54
Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) (No. 2) Regulations, 1954 ... ..	1/12/54



PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The number of cases of notifiable Infectious Disease occurring in the respective Districts of the Area are shown in the following tables:—

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever . . . . .	-	-	3	6	5	35	4	1	1	-	-	-	55	8	-
Paratyphoid Fever . . . . .	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	3	-
Pneumonia (Ac., prim. & Infl.) . . . . .	-	3	2	3	3	10	1	1	5	3	27	42	100	27	13
Erysipelas . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	1	1	5	10	3	-
Dysentery . . . . .	3	6	5	9	3	44	14	3	16	12	5	-	120	2	-
Whooping Cough . . . . .	8	11	15	16	16	49	4	1	-	2	1	-	123	3	-
Measles . . . . .	-	1	2	-	2	17	10	1	1	-	-	-	34	-	-
Food Poisoning . . . . .	-	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	2	2	2	1	12	-	-

SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever . . . . .	-	-	1	-	3	22	3	1	-	-	-	-	30	2	-
Dysentery . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Measles . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough . . . . .	-	-	1	3	3	13	-	-	2	2	-	-	24	-	-
Food Poisoning . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	4	35	21	5	1	-	-	66	-	-

TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever . . . . .	-	-	-	3	2	35	3	-	-	1	-	-	44	9	-
Ac. Poliomyelitis, Paralytic . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	-
Paratyphoid Fever . . . . .	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	3	-
Dysentery . . . . .	-	-	1	-	-	4	41	7	2	1	1	-	57	33	-
Pneumonia (Ac. Primary and Influenzal) . . . . .	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	5	3	12	1	-
Erysipelas . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-
Measles . . . . .	-	1	-	-	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	11	-	-
Whooping Cough . . . . .	11	11	12	15	20	63	2	-	3	1	-	-	138	-	-

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

DISEASE	AGE-PERIODS												Total cases notified	Cases Removed to Hospital	Deaths
	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over			
Scarlet Fever . . . . .	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	
Ac. Encephelitis . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Puerperal Pyrexia . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	
Dysentery . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	
Pneumonia (Ac. Primary and Influenzal) . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	5	1	3	5	4	-	
Erysipelas . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	
Measles . . . . .	-	1	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Whooping Cough . . . . .	13	15	17	22	13	66	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	



TUBERCULOSIS.

The following table gives the total number of new cases notified and the number of deaths registered during the year 1954 in the respective Districts:—

AGE-PERIODS	NEW CASES										DEATHS									
	PULMONARY					Non-PULMONARY					PULMONARY					Non-PULMONARY				
	Sevenoaks	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Southborough	Sevenoaks	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Southborough	Sevenoaks	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Southborough	Sevenoaks	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Southborough
	R.D.	U.D.	M	F	M F	R.D.	U.D.	M	F	M F	R.D.	U.D.	M	F	M F	R.D.	U.D.	M	F	M F
0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and up	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	9	6	7	2	5	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	2
	15	9	8	16	6	2	2	5	3	2	3	3	2	4	2	3	1	4	2	-



The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis and deaths from tuberculosis in each of the five Districts for the last five years:—

YEAR	NEW CASES										DEATHS									
	PULMONARY					NON-PULMONARY					PULMONARY					NON-PULMONARY				
	M		F		U.D.	M		F		U.D.	M		F		U.D.	M		F		U.D.
	Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks	Tonbridge	Tonbridge	Southborough
1950	8	11	4	2	12	4	4	2	1	4	4	4	3	1	1	2	3	4	6	1
1951	12	7	7	3	8	9	4	2	4	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	4	4	4	1
1952	10	9	3	4	11	7	4	2	6	2	1	3	1	1	3	2	2	5	3	1
1953	12	8	3	3	9	7	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	4	2
1954	9	6	7	2	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	2

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer, are given for the five Districts of the Area in respect of children under 15 years of age immunised against Diphtheria:—

	Number of children who had completed a course of immunisation as at 31st December, 1954 (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1940)			Number of children immunised during 1954. (Primary inoculations)			Number of children re-immunised during 1954. (Re-inforcing inoculations)		
	Under 1yr.	1-4 yrs.	5-14 yrs.	Under 1yr.	1-4 yrs.	5-14 yrs.	Under 1yr.	1-4 yrs.	5-14 yrs.
Sevenoaks Rural District	38	1596	2966	38	423	88	—	16	617
Sevenoaks Urban District	21	704	1210	21	164	26	—	9	274
Tonbridge Rural District	29	1039	1308	29	234	7	—	10	224
Tonbridge Urban District	19	743	1411	19	186	37	—	14	215
Southborough Urban District	11	329	293	11	56	9	—	1	48

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer, are given for the five Districts of the Area:—

	Number Vaccinated					Number Re-Vaccinated				
	Under 1 year	1-4 yrs.	5-14 yrs.	15 or over	Total	Under 1 year	1-4 yrs.	5-14 yrs.	15 or over	Total
Age at 31st December, 1954										
Sevenoaks Rural District	197	164	16	13	390	—	5	8	75	88
Sevenoaks Urban District	97	83	4	5	189	—	3	19	49	71
Tonbridge Rural District	119	114	6	10	249	—	4	10	36	50
Tonbridge Urban District	91	63	5	7	166	—	—	3	11	14
Southborough Urban District	33	20	1	3	57	—	—	—	12	12

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Sevenoaks Rural District is supplied with mains water from five water undertakings.

Supplies during the year were sufficient and satisfactory.

The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	127	10
	Chemical	...	...	7	1
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	9	44
	Chemical	...	...	2	13

Approximately 95% of dwelling-houses in Sevenoaks Rural District are supplied by public mains.

Name of Parish.					Estimated Proportion direct to houses.	Estimated Proportion by means of standpipes.
Brasted	...	...	...	...	92.49 %	.23 %
Chevening	...	...	...	...	86.96 %	1.11 %
Chiddingstone	...	...	...	...	86.13 %	.66 %
Cowden	...	...	...	...	91.52 %	.42 %
Dunton Green	...	...	...	...	99.21 %	.23 %
Edenbridge	...	...	...	...	97.69 %	1.15 %
Halstead	...	...	...	...	96.41 %	1.49 %
Hever	...	...	...	...	88.21 %	1.01 %
Kemsing	...	...	...	...	98.13 %	.71 %
Leigh	...	...	...	...	97.70 %	—
Otford	...	...	...	...	98.54 %	.92 %
Penshurst	...	...	...	...	88.47 %	.61 %
Riverhead	...	...	...	...	98.48 %	—
Seal	...	...	...	...	96.44 %	.32 %
Sevenoaks Weald	...	...	...	...	95.34 %	2.99 %
Shoreham	...	...	...	...	85.00 %	7.45 %
Sundridge	...	...	...	...	85.50 %	8.71 %
Westerham	...	...	...	...	91.83 %	1.63 %

Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company.  
(Within Company's Statutory Area)

642 yards of 3-inch main	...	Bently's Meadow, Childsbridge Lane, Seal.
24 " " 3-inch	...	Marlborough Crescent, Riverhead.
36 " " 3-inch	...	Temples Lane, Underriver.
120 " " 4-inch	...	Braeside Close, Riverhead.
284 " " 6-inch	...	Marlborough Crescent, Riverhead.

(Council's Area)

221 yards of 4-inch main	...	Tudor Crescent, Otford.
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Mid-Kent Water Company.

100 yards of 3-inch main	...	East Hill, Shoreham.
255 " " 3-inch	...	Housing Site, Orchard Way, West End, Kemsing.
352 " " 3-inch	...	Housing Site, Pilgrims Way Estate, Kemsing.



Main water was provided in 4 instances to premises whose previous supplies were as follows: One by well, two by rainwater and one by handpipe.

Four chlorination plants were installed to private supplies. General cleansing of storage tanks etc. resulted in improvement in three other cases.

### Drainage and Sewerage.

General improvements were made to drainage, including seven connections to sewers of properties previously drained to cesspools; the new cesspools and four new septic tank systems were installed.

The following sewers and drains were laid for the development of Council Estates:—

Kemsing: Dynes Road	...	...	...	...	43	lin. yards of 6-inch dia.
					91	" " " 4-inch "
Seal: Bentley's Meadow	...	...	...	...	43	" " " 9-inch "
					297	" " " 6-inch "
Shoreham: High Street	...	...	...	...	26	" " " 4-inch "
Bowers Road	...	...	...	...	84	" " " 4-inch "
Sundridge: Camberwell Lane	...	...	...	...	17	" " " 6-inch "
					142	" " " 4-inch "
Westerham: London Road Site	...	...	...	...	317	" " " 6-inch "
					47	" " " 4-inch "

Sewers laid by the Council for use by private developers:—

Leigh: Penshurst Road	...	...	...	...	250	lin. yards of 6-inch dia.
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Sewers laid by private developers:—

Otford: Tudor Crescent	...	...	...	...	202	lin. yards of 6-inch dia.
Riverhead: Braeside Avenue (cul-de-sac)	...	...	...	...	53	" " " 6-inch "

### Waste Disposal Works.

A small works was constructed at Camberwell Lane, Ide Hill, to deal only with the 12 new houses and flats.

### Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

During the year, no changes in the systems of collection and disposal of refuse were made.

### Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	...	...	646
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	...	...	6,629
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	...	...	440
Complied with	...	...	...	...	174
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	...	...	5
Complied with:					
(a) By owners	...	...	...	...	9
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	...	...	Nil
Legal proceedings taken	...	...	...	...	1

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	868
Nuisances etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	243
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
Knackers' Yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	174
Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	501
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	144
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Ice-cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	162
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	677
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	192
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchen, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	217
Food Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other food preparing places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	811
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,389

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Number of huts in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	124
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	450
Number of new huts erected during 1954	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections of Hop-pickers' Camps during 1954	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61

Conditions in the camps were generally satisfactory. The tendency for the employment of local labour continues. During the year the use of two camps has been discontinued.

6. Disinfestation.

Infestations were dealt with as follows:—  
Beetles 7, Cockroaches 1, Flies 10, Bluebottles 2, Ants 5, Fleas 3, Woodworm 2, Wasps 30, Moths 1, Mosquitoes 1.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Number of complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	354
Number of visits by Rodent Operator	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,668
Infestations found and treated: Rats—Major	93								
Minor	160								
Mice	74								

Sewer treatment was carried out in April and September.



**FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.****Part I of the Act.****1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).**

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	33	61	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	144	113	5	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ... ..	—	—	—	—
Total	177	174	7	—

**2. Cases in which defects were found.**

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ... ..	2	1	—	1	—
Overcrowding ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient ... ..	2	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	8	3	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	1	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ... ..	—	1	7	—	—
Total	13	5	7	3	—



Part VIII of the Act.

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	6	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper.	5	—	—	—	—	—
Total	11	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	120
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	868
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ..	14
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	14
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	4
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	76

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ..	125
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	Nil
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(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	5
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) By owners ... ..	9
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished... ..	6
(3) Number of houses awaiting demolition ... ..	9
(4) Number of houses closed (undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation) ... ..	Nil
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936...	Nil
(e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936...	Nil

#### E. Housing Act, 1936: Part IV—Overcrowding.

There is little evidence of serious overcrowding.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances remedied during the Year:—

Keeping of animals ... ..	Nil
Offensive accumulations ... ..	6
Sanitary accommodation: insufficient	—
defective ... ..	13
Drainage: reconstruction ... ..	31
repaired ... ..	5
cleansed ... ..	13
Cesspools: abolished ... ..	7
repaired ... ..	2
Conversions to W.C.s ... ..	14
Refuse receptacles ... ..	7
Food stores ... ..	4
Water supplies ... ..	15
Walls and ceilings ... ..	60
Floors ... ..	27
Windows and ventilation ... ..	24
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks ... ..	45
Staircases ... ..	2
Coppers (defective) ... ..	1
Dampness ... ..	35
Roofs and rainwater pipes ... ..	23
Yard paving ... ..	1
Chimneys and fireplaces ... ..	12
Miscellaneous ... ..	109



**RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.** (Position at 31st December, 1954.)

Total number of houses originally surveyed	...	...	...	5,515
Number placed in category 1	...	...	...	1,173
"          "          "          2	...	...	...	2,976
"          "          "          3	...	...	...	1,126
"          "          "          4	...	...	...	49
"          "          "          5	...	...	...	139

N.B.—Four category 5 houses were renovated and upgraded to category 1.

**CAMPS** (Temporary Housing).

The number of huts occupied in hutted camps in the District at 31st December, 1954, was as follows: "Polhill" Camp	...	...	5
Others	...	...	7

**CARAVANS.**

(a)	Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	27
	Number of licences granted	...	...	...	...	27
	Total number of caravans allowed on these sites	...	...			158
(b)	Number of applications received for licences to station and use moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	80
	Number of licences granted	...	...	...	...	80

**POST-WAR HOUSING.** (Position at 31st December, 1954.)

	Completed.	Under Construction.
Council—Permanent	844	160
Temporary	127	—
Housing Association	6	5
Private—Permanent	495	205

**INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**

**1. Milk Supplies.**

Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	19
Number of registered dairies (retail)	...	...	...	7
Number of licences granted:				
(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:				
(a) Dealers	...	...	(T.T.)	9
(b) Supplementary	...	...	(T.T.)	10
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilized) Regulations, 1949:				
(a) Dealers	...	Pasteurised	Sterilized	
(b) Supplementary	...	8	4	
	...	9	6	

No alterations have been made to dairy premises.

One new milking parlour and one new cowshed have been constructed during the year.



## Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin-tested" ... ..	15	1
"Pasteurised" ... ..	10	—
Sterilized ... ..	3	—

Number of samples (exclusive of those referred to above) collected for biological examination:—

				No. taken	No. unsatisfactory.
"Tuberculin-tested"	...	...	...	7	Nil
Undesignated	...	...	...	2	Nil

## 2. Ice-Cream.

Number of premises registered:

(a) For the manufacture and sale of ice-cream	...	...	3
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	...	...	112
Results of samples taken: Grade 1	...	...	93
„ 2	...	...	8
„ 3	...	...	2
„ 4	...	...	1

The premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream use "cold-mix" method. The remainder deal in proprietary brands and a generally high standard has been maintained.

## 2. Slaughterhouses.

Number of slaughterhouses in the District	...	...	7
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Prior to the derationing of meat, seven private slaughterhouses were renovated and brought into use. So far it has been possible to carry out 100% post-mortem inspections of the animals slaughtered.

### Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

					Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	...	...	...	...	244	44	110	853	1,103
Number inspected	...	...	...	...	244	44	110	853	1,103
All diseases except tuberculosis:									
Whole carcasses condemned	...	...	...	...	—	—	2	—	5
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	...	38	16	3	25	46
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	15.57	36.36	4.54	2.93	4.62
Tuberculosis only:									
Whole carcasses condemned	...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	...	11	9	—	—	6
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	4.5	20.45	—	—	.54





## SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

## 1. Water Supply.

The supply to the District was satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity during the year. The results of samples taken by the Sanitary Inspector during the year are given hereunder:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	10	—
	Chemical	...	...	—	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	—	—
	Chemical	...	...	—	—

All the houses in the District are supplied by public mains, except two supplied by standpipes.

The following new mains were laid during the year:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company.

61 yards of 3-inch main...	Bradbourne Vale Rd., Sevenoaks.
88 „ „ 3-inch „ ...	Merlewood Estate, Mt. Harry Rd., Sevenoaks.
62 „ „ 3-inch „ ...	Westfield Estate, St. John's Hill, Sevenoaks.

## 2. Drainage and Sewerage.

There were no additions or improvements during the year.

## 3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

No change was made during the year.

## 4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	250
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	5,122
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	193
Complied with	...	...	171
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	Nil
Complied with:			
(a) By owners	...	...	1
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	Nil
Legal proceedings taken (Section 94 of Public Health Act, 1936)			1



### Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	782
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	313
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Knackers' Yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	319
Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	238
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	226
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Ice-Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	659
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	567
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	478
Food Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Other food preparing places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	174
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	113
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	760
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	168

### 5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District (on same farm)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of huts in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84
Total estimated number of pickers engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Number of new huts erected during 1954	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1954	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

The huts are constructed of galvanised iron on concrete base, and the camps supplied with mains water.

Cookhouse accommodation is provided by two covered cookhouses.

### 6. Disinfestation.

Treatment was carried out by the Department in 12 cases of fleas and bugs.

### 7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

The Rodent Operator made a total of 1,289 visits and carried out 350 treatments. Inspections were also carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors.

The soil sewers in the town were treated twice during the year. The necessary additional labour for this work was obtained from the Surveyor's department, and in all 206 manholes were treated.

**FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.****Part 1 of the Act.****L. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).**

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	29	91	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	69	225	5	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ... ..	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>—</b>

**M. Cases in which defects were found.**

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecution were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ... ..	8	7	—	5	—
Overcrowding ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient ... ..	1	—	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ... ..	6	6	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>



Part VIII of the Act.  
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making etc.) ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Making boxes, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	230
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	782
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ..	73
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	380
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	7
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	54

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of  
Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in conse- quence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ..	23
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	Nil
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) By owners ... ..	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil



(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished... ..	2
(3) Number of houses awaiting demolition ... ..	Nil
(4) Number of houses closed (undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation) ... ..	2
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936...	Nil
(e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936...	Nil

#### 4. Housing Act, 1936: Part IV—Overcrowding.

Little evidence of serious overcrowding.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances remedied during the year:—

Keeping of animals ... ..	2
Offensive accumulations ... ..	10
Sanitary accommodation: insufficient ... ..	—
defective ... ..	16
Drainage: reconstruction ... ..	—
repaired ... ..	16
cleansed ... ..	54
Cesspools: abolished ... ..	—
repaired ... ..	2
Conversion to W.C.s ... ..	—
Refuse receptacles ... ..	9
Food stores ... ..	—
Water supplies ... ..	1
Walls and ceilings ... ..	9
Floors ... ..	6
Windows and ventilation ... ..	4
Dampness ... ..	13
Roofs and rainwater pipes ... ..	11
Chimneys and fireplaces ... ..	6
Miscellaneous ... ..	71

#### CARAVANS. (Public Health Act, 1936: Section 269.)

(a) Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by moveable dwellings ... ..	Nil
Number of licences granted ... ..	Nil
Total number of caravans allowed on these sites ... ..	Nil
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use moveable dwellings ... ..	3
Number of licences granted ... ..	3

#### POST-WAR HOUSING. (Position at 31st December, 1954.)

	Completed.	Under Construction.
Council—Permanent ... ..	527	—
Temporary ... ..	—	—
Private—Permanent ... ..	310	65

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number of registered dairies	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of licences granted:						
(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:						
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	4
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	3
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilized) Regulations, 1949:						
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	5
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	6

Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
Tuberculin tested (pasteurised)	9	—
Tuberculin tested (raw)	22	4
“ Pasteurised ”	19	—
Channel Island (pasteurised)	7	—

Four samples of Tuberculin-tested milk were taken for biological examination with negative results.

2. Ice-Cream.

Number of premises registered:						
(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...	35
Results of samples taken: Grade 1	...	...	...	...	...	5
2	...	...	...	...	...	—
3	...	...	...	...	...	—
4	...	...	...	...	...	—

No ice-cream is manufactured in the area and the bulk of that sold from the various registered premises is pre-packed.

3. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
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Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	1,204	129	411	2,650	1,803
Number inspected	1,204	129	411	2,650	1,803
All diseases except tuberculosis:					
Whole carcasses condemned	4	4	—	5	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	278	72	4	43	36
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	23.42	58.91	.97	1.81	2.1
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcasses condemned	5	5	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	45	40	1	—	20
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	4.15	34.81	.24	—	1.1



**4. Food Premises.**

	No. in District.	No. of visits.	No. of faults and defects found.	No. of faults and defects remedied.
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ... ..	78	478	12	12
Bakehouses ... ..	7	61	3	3
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14 Food & Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream) ...	20	174	6	6
Food stalls and vehicles ... ..	7	90	2	2
Food factories ... ..	1	4	—	—
Other food shops:				
Bakers ... ..	14	101	1	1
Butchers ... ..	11	139	—	—
Confectioners ... ..	22	65	—	—
Delicatessen ... ..	1	9	—	—
Fish shops ... ..	6	87	2	1
Grocers ... ..	32	152	8	8
Greengrocers ... ..	13	29	2	2
Animal food ... ..	1	14	1	1

In several instances protective clothing has been provided for the employees. In one restaurant considerable structural alterations were commenced towards the end of the year. These involved the enlargement of, and the re-flooring of, the kitchen; re-siting of appliances in the kitchen; and additional washing and rinsing facilities.

Bakehouses have been maintained satisfactorily during the year, and at several of these the bread is being wrapped, in addition to that which is brought into the town wholesale already wrapped.

One of the larger bakehouses in the town changed from hard fuel to oil firing during the year. This was a great improvement, as not only has it curtailed dust inside the factory but it also had the effect of eliminating grit and particles in the air outside.

Premises registered for the manufacture of Preserved Food (Sect. 14 Food and Drugs Act) have been well maintained throughout the year.

All shops and stores, where food is sold or stored, have been kept under observation throughout the year.

Apart from fruit and vegetables, there have been no stalls set up in the town for the sale of foodstuffs. There are three mobile vehicles for the sale of grocery and greengrocery. Also one mobile food van which operates in Sevenoaks Market normally each Monday; and there is one mobile Snack Bar stationed in Sevenoaks Car Park.

There is only one small scale factory in the District for the preparation of ice-cream powder.



### 5. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:—

	Tons	cwts.	qts.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat ... ..	5	4	—	19	12
Butchers' offal ... ..	3	15	—	5	8
Other food (including tinned food) ...	—	6	2	1	8

Following the decontrol of meat by the Government two slaughter-houses were licensed by the Council and operated as such as from the 1st July, 1954.

The method of disposal of condemned food etc. is much the same as that operated by the Ministry of Food. All condemned articles are coloured with Naphthalene Dye and disposed of under arrangements made by the Sanitary Inspector and the Butchers. All other condemned foods are disposed of by the Public Health Department.

### 6. Food Poisoning.

An outbreak of food poisoning, totalling 65 cases, occurred on the 18th November, 1954, in a Girls' School. Organisms of the food poisoning group were not isolated and it did not prove possible to determine precisely the cause of the outbreak. One single case occurred due to *Salmonella typhi murium*.

## TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

#### 1. Water Supply.

Six water undertakings provided sufficient and wholesome supplies of water to the Tonbridge Rural District throughout the year.

The Mid-Kent Company is installing a plant to remove excess of iron.

Samples were taken from all the supplies at various points, the results of which are given below:—

					Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	...	19	—
	Chemical	...	...	...	2	1
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	...	4	2
	Chemical	...	...	...	2	1

Number of dwelling-houses supplied by public mains:—

(a) Direct to houses: 99%.

(b) By means of standpipes: 19 houses only in the Rural District.

Name of Parish.	Estimated Proportion direct to houses.	Estimated Proportion by means of standpipes.
Bidborough	100 %	—
Brenchley	98.98 %	13 houses
Capel	97.2 %	6 houses
Lamberhurst	96 %	—
Horsmonden	100 %	—
Pembury	99 %	—
Hadlow	97.92 %	—
Speldhurst	98.74 %	—
Hildenborough	100 %	—

Lead service pipes are not in general use in the area and no cases of contamination occurred during the year.

Action was taken in all cases of unsatisfactory samples of raw water taken from springs and wells. Two wells serving a pair and four other cottages in Lamberhurst parish were closed, all the cottages being connected to the main. Another contaminated well serving two cottages in Langton will be closed when the main is extended to the area next year, meanwhile the occupants of the cottage have been advised to boil the water. The occupants of two cottages at Hadlow have also been advised to boil their well water pending the provision of an alternative supply.



Main extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company:

116 yards of 3-inch main ... Driscolls Estate, Coldharbour Lane, Hildenborough.

376 „ „ 4-inch „ ... Ditto.

44 „ „ 3-inch „ ... Riding Park, Hildenborough.

Mid-Kent Water Company:

400 yards of 3-inch main ... Bramble Reed Lane, Matfield.

(Replacement of 1-inch pipe.)

258 „ „ 3-inch „ ... Ringden Avenue, Paddock Wood.

122 „ „ 3-inch „ ... Housing Site off Carpenters Lane, Hadlow.

71 „ „ 3-inch „ ... The Slade, Lamberhurst.

Tunbridge Wells Corporation:

Extension of mains to "The Hollambys," Stockland Green, Speldhurst.

Extension of mains from Bullingstone Lane to the Picture House, Pounds Bridge Lane, Speldhurst.

## 2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No important changes were effected during the year and no new schemes were constructed.

## 3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

The same methods of collection and disposal of refuse were adopted during the year.

## 4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated ... 268

Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year ... 3,349

Informal Notices: Served ... 191

Complied with ... 171

Statutory Notices: Served ... 9

Complied with:

(a) By owners ... 8

(b) By Local Authority in default ... -

Legal proceedings taken ... Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

Housing ... 1,126

Nuisances etc. (not included under Housing) ... 56

Swimming Pools ... 18

Hop-pickers' Camps ... 17

Knackers' Yards ...

Offensive Trades ...

Factory Acts ... 7

Shop Acts ... 18

Petroleum Act ...

Dairies ... 18

Ice-Cream Premises ... 8

Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses ... 53

Bakehouses ... 2

Food Shops ... 9



Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
Food Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Other food preparing places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	291

### 5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District occupied	...	...	...	...	90
Number of huts in District occupied	...	...	...	...	4,402
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	14,700
Number of new huts erected during 1954	...	...	...	...	20
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1954	...	...	...	...	173

General Remarks on Hop-picking Season. (Report by Sanitary Inspector.)

The huts generally are of good construction and weatherproof. All the camps are supplied with mains water. A high standard of scavenging of the camps is maintained. The cookhouse accommodation is generally satisfactory. There has been a general improvement in closet accommodation, and general camp supervision is good.

The season was late in starting this year and many farms were short of pickers. A number of growers employed machines for the first time and there is every indication that machines will continue to replace pickers since growers can no longer rely on sufficient numbers arriving from the London area. Conditions on camp sites were excellent.

## 6. Disinfestation.

The following disinfestations were dealt with during the year:—Fleas 2, bugs 3, wasps 21, flies 5, ants 2, beetles 7, bees 3, and mosquitoes 1.

## 7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

Number of complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	167
Number of properties inspected for presence of rodents (including local authority, agriculture private dwellings and business premises)	...	...	...	...	...	...	529
Number of properties found to be infested with rats	...	...					101
Number of properties found to be infested with mice	...	...					15
Total number of properties treated	...	...	...	...	...		116
Total number of visits in connection with treatments	...	...					568

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Part I of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	18	14	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	69	47	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ... ..	11	9	—	—
Total	98	70	2	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ... ..	2	2	—	—
Overcrowding ... ..	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ... ..	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	1	1	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:				
(a) Insufficient ... ..	2	2	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ... ..	—	—	—	—
Total	5	5	—	—



**Part VIII of the Act.**  
**Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).**

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	2	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	9	—	—	—	—	—
Total	11	—	—	—	—	—

**HOUSING.**

**Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.**

1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	350
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	1,126
2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ..	197
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	197
3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	10
4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	63

**Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.**

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ..	127
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**Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.**

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	2
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
(a) By owners ... ..	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	Nil



(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts ... ..	Ni
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	19
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished... ..	8
(3) Number of houses awaiting demolition ... ..	10
(4) Number of houses closed (undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation) ... ..	1
(5) Closing Orders made ... ..	1
(Housing Act, 1936, and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.)	
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936...	Ni
(e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936...	Ni

4. Housing Act, 1936: Part IV—Overcrowding.

There is no overcrowding problem in the District. In five premises where there was border-line overcrowding because of duplication of families, these were relieved when the Council housed the lodging families.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the year:—

Keeping of animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary accommodation: insufficient	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
defective	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Drainage: reconstruction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Cesspools: cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
abolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Conversions to W.C.s	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Refuse receptacles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Food stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Walls and ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Windows and ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Staircases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Coppers (defective)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Dampness	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Roofs and rainwater pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Yard paving	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Chimneys and fireplaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

**RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.** (Position at 31st December, 1954.)

Total number of houses surveyed	...	...	...	...	...	3,754
Number placed in category 1	...	...	...	...	...	1,954
" " " " 2	...	...	...	...	...	696
" " " " 3	...	...	...	...	...	888
" " " " 4	...	...	...	...	...	43
" " " " 5	...	...	...	...	...	39

135 Category 5 houses have been dealt with by means of Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or by Undertakings not to use them for human habitation.

**HANDHOLE CAMP, MATFIELD.**

Ten huts were occupied at the end of the year.

**CARAVANS.** (Public Health Act, 1936: Section 269.)

a) Number of applications received for sites to be licensed for use by moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of licences granted	...	...	...	...	...	8
Total number of caravans allowed on these sites	...	...	...	...	...	17
b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	13
Number of licences granted	...	...	...	...	...	13

**POST-WAR HOUSING.** (Position at 31st December, 1954.)

		Completed.	Under Construction.
Council—Permanent	...	775	29
Temporary	...	100	—
Hatton Housing Trust	...	72	—
Private—Permanent	...	512	29

**INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.****Milk Supplies.**

Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	...	19
Number of registered retail dairies	...	...	...	...	...	12
During the year one dairy was cleansed and lime-washed, and at another walls, floors, ceilings and equipment were repaired.						
Number of licences granted:—						
(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:						
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	12
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	7
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilized) Regulations, 1949:						
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	21
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	8



Milk Sampling.

	No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin-tested" ... ..	36	11
"Pasteurised" ... ..	45	—
T.T. Pasteurised ... ..	13	—

Five samples of non-designated milk and 11 samples of designated milk were taken for biological examination; none showed evidence of tuberculosis.

2. Ice-Cream.

Number of premises registered:					
(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	...
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	7
Results of samples taken: Grade 1	...	...	...	...	6
" 2	...	...	...	...	4
" 3	...	...	...	...	1
" 4	...	...	...	...	1

3. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carcases Inspected and Condemned.							
	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs		
Number killed (if known) ... ..	670	—	54	748	1,60		
Number inspected ... ..	670	—	54	748	1,60		
All diseases except tuberculosis:							
Whole carcasses condemned ... ..	—	—	—	6			
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	35	—	—	9	4		
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ... ..	5.22	—	—	2.01	2.9		
Tuberculosis only:							
Whole carcasses condemned ... ..	2	—	—	—			
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	26	—	—	—			
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ... ..	4.18	—	—	—	.4		

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District.	No. of visits.	No. of faults and defects found.	No. of faults and defects remedied
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ... ..	45	132	14	12
Bakehouses ... ..	9	22	4	3
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14 Food & Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream) ...				
Food stalls and vehicles ... ..	6	15	2	2
Food factories ... ..	2	29	2	2
Other food shops:				
Grocer and provision merchants ...	65	82	1	1
Fishmonger and fried fish shops ...	3	6	—	—
Confectioners and fruiterers ... ..	11	4	1	1



During the year improvements were secured at two roadside cafés, one industrial canteen and two hotel kitchens. In other cases it was necessary to require cleansing and redecoration of interior surfaces. The general position is satisfactory.

During routine inspections of bakehouses, faults of a minor nature were found and subsequently rectified. In one bakehouse bread was found to be deposited in a passage-way and exposed to contamination by dust. This practice ceased after the occupier had been warned.

Informal action was necessary at three premises used for the manufacture of sausages and pickled meats. Requests for cleansing of interior surfaces were complied with.

No action was taken under the Food Byelaws during the year. Premises generally appear to be satisfactory.

All mobile food vans were inspected, when encountered. In one case only was it necessary to take action. This was a mobile snack van stationed at Lamberhurst Quarter. The occupier, following requests, provided more hygienic washing arrangements and storage for food-stuffs.

There are two food factories in the District. The Canning Factory at Paddock Wood maintains a very high standard. New premises at Lamberhurst are used for the manufacture of pork products. These premises are designed to modern hygienic standards.

Lectures on food preparation were given during the year to members of the Welfare Section of the Civil Defence Corps.

## Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:

	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat ... ..	1	0	0	20	2
Other food (including tinned food) ... ..		5	0	7	15
	1	5	1	0	1

All unsound tinned foods are disposed of by burial at the Council's refuse dump.

Offal and parts of carcasses condemned at slaughterhouses are buried locally. Whole carcasses condemned at slaughterhouses are treated with Naphthalene Green and consigned to Knackers' Yards and prepared for animal food.

## Food Poisoning.

Four cases were notified during the year. Three were related cases considered to be due to milk. Specimens taken later from this supply were found to contain Staphylococci. The single case was due to Salmonella typhi murium.

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Supplies during 1954 proved generally satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity. The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	13	1
	Chemical	...	...	—	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	—	—
	Chemical	...	...	—	—

Approximately 99.5% of the houses are supplied direct with main water.

New mains laid during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company:

2,147 yards of 4-inch main ... High Wood Estate, Sections 2 and 2A, Tonbridge.

627 yards of 8-inch main ... Dry Hill Park Road, Tonbridge.

Mid-Kent Water Company:

215 yards of 3-inch main ... Building Site, Rodney Avenue, off Cornwallis Avenue, Hadlow Road, Tonbridge.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No important additions or improvements during 1954.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

The same methods of collection and disposal of refuse were carried out during the year.

186 written notices for dustbins were issued during the year. Owners or occupiers provided dustbins at 58 premises, while the Council provided dustbins at 247 premises on hire under Section 75 (3).

10 dustbins supplied under the hire scheme were replaced during the year.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	243
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Sanitary Inspectors during the year	...	...	3,338
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	348
Complied with	...	...	363
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	11
Complied with:			
(a) By owners	...	...	3
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	—
Legal proceedings taken	...	...	Nil



# Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,624
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	296
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Knackers' Yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	278
Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Ice-Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	238
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Food Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Other food preparing places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	99
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	915

## Hop-pickers' Camps.

Number of camps in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of huts in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
Number of new huts erected during 1954	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1954	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Conditions in the camps were generally satisfactory.							

## Disinfestation.

The following disinfestations were dealt with:—Bugs 3, Fleas 4, Cockroaches 2, Flies 4.

## Rats and Mice Destruction.

		Rats	Mice
Number of Local Authority premises treated	...	15	2
„ dwelling-houses treated	...	137	68
„ agricultural premises treated	...	—	—
„ other premises treated	...	18	21
		<hr/> 170	<hr/> 91



**FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**  
**Part I of the Act.**

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	15	38	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	98	179	14	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ... ..	8	23	1	—
Total	121	240	17	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ... ..	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient ... ..	2	3	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	24	22	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ... ..	5	5	3	—	—
Total	33	32	3	2	—

**Part VIII of the Act.****Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).**

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel (making, etc.)	2	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper...	35	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	37	—	—	—	—	—

**HOUSING.****. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.**

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	615
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... ..	1,521
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 .....	100
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose... ..	159
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	—
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	135

**. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.**

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ..	125
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**. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.**

a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	Nil
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	6
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) By owners ... ..	6
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	—



(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	Nil
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936...	Nil
(e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936...	Nil

#### 4. Housing Act, 1936: Part IV—Overcrowding.

No accurate information available, but cases of overcrowding have been abated by rehousing.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances remedied during the year:—

Keeping of animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Sanitary accommodation: insufficient	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
	defective	...	...	...	...	...	26
Drainage:	reconstruction	...	...	...	...	...	—
	repaired	...	...	...	...	...	6
	cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	25
Cesspools:	abolished	...	...	...	...	...	—
	repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Conversions to W.C.s	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Refuse receptacles	...	...	...	...	...	...	315
Food stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Water supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Walls and ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Windows and ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Staircases	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Coppers (defective)	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Dampness	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Roofs and rainwater pipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Yard paving	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Chimneys and fireplaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	15

#### CAMPS (Temporary Housing).

Number of huts occupied in hutted camps in the District at the 31st December, 1954: Somerhill Camp ... ..

68

#### CARAVANS. (Public Health Act, 1936: Section 269.)

(a) Number of licensed sites in District	...	...	...	...	1
Total number of caravans allowed on this site	...	...	...	...	45
(b) Number of applications received for licences to station and use moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	10
Number of licences granted	...	...	...	...	9



**POST-WAR HOUSING.** (Position at 31st December, 1954.)

		Completed.	Under Construction.
Council—Permanent	... ..	821	140
Temporary	... ..	—	—
Private—Permanent	... ..	219	26

**INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.****1. Milk Supplies.**

Number of registered distributors	... ..	34
Number of registered dairies (retail)	... ..	4
Number of licences granted:		
(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:		
(a) Dealers	... ..	7
(b) Supplementary	... ..	1
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilized) Regulations, 1949:		
(a) Dealers	... ..	35
(b) Supplementary	... ..	2

**Milk Sampling.**

	No of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin-tested" (Pasteurised)	1	—
"Pasteurised" ... ..	5	—
Sterilized ... ..	2	—
Number of samples collected for biological examination	...	Nil

**2. Ice-Cream.**

Number of premises registered:		
(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	... ..	2
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	... ..	65
Results of samples taken: Grade 1	... ..	27
,, 2	... ..	7
,, 3	... ..	—
,, 4	... ..	—
Iced lollies: 4 samples, all Grade 1.		

**3. Slaughterhouses.**

Only one slaughterhouse was in operation until July, 1954; 10 pigs were killed and inspected at this slaughterhouse, none of which were condemned.

#### 4. Food Premises.

	No. in District.	No. of visits.	No. of faults and defects found.	No. of faults and defects remedied.
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ...	28	55	3	3
Bakehouses ...	5	35	3	4
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14 Food & Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream) ...	38	13	—	—
Food stalls and vehicles ...	7	17	—	—
Food factories ...	—	—	—	—
Other food shops:				
Fried fish ...	4	17	—	—
Bakers and confectioners ...	38	13	3	2
Butchers ...	14	57	1	1
Fishmongers ...	5	27	2	1
Grocers ...	59	111	9	7
Greengrocers and fruiterers ...	19	29	1	3
Ice-cream premises ...	67	91	3	3

The general standard in cafés, restaurants and canteens was satisfactorily maintained during the year.

Bakehouses were generally satisfactory during the year; following expert advice work was carried out at one large bakehouse to remedy condensation and mould growth, which has resulted in a marked improvement.

Progress by small improvements continues in other food stores.

Instruction on food handling continued to be given to food handlers by the Sanitary Inspectors, and a lecture on food hygiene was given by the Senior Sanitary Inspector.

#### 5. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year:—

	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat ...		3	3	9	8
Other food (including tinned food) ...	1	19	1	15	8
	2	3	0	25	0

Of the above total of other foods, 1 ton 13 cwts. 3 qrs. 20lbs. was stock condemned at one premises after damage by fire.

#### 6. Food Poisoning.

No cases of food poisoning were notified.

## SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

#### 1. Water Supply.

The supply was sufficient during the year and the quality of the water, after treatment, was satisfactory.

Results of samples taken are given hereunder:—

				Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Treated water:	Bacteriological	...	...	45	2
	Chemical	...	...	13	—
Raw water:	Bacteriological	...	...	6	6
	Chemical	...	...	7	—

No cases of contamination with lead occurred. All the dwelling-houses in the District, with the exception of six houses, are supplied with mains water.

The bulk supply to Southborough by the Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company was increased by two million gallons.

The water mains were extended on the Council's Housing Estate as follows:—

204 yards of 4-inch main.

On the private housing estate at Hill Crest Farm, the following extensions were made:—

572 yards of 4-inch main.

272 yards of 3-inch main.

#### 2. Drainage and Sewerage.

The major portion of the District is provided with main drainage.

A new main sewer to discharge into the Council's sewer in Yew Tree Road was laid on the private Hill Crest Estate with duplicate ejector pumps to raise sewage.

#### 3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

No changes in the collection and disposal of refuse were made during the year.



**4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.**

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	214
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year	...	...	2,619
Informal Notices: Served	...	...	22
Complied with	...	...	24
Statutory Notices: Served	...	...	Nil
Complied with:			
(a) By owners	...	...	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default	...	...	Nil
Legal proceedings taken	...	...	Nil

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

Housing	...	...	1,049
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	196
Swimming Pools	...	...	Nil
Hop-pickers' Camps	...	...	Nil
Knackers' Yards	...	...	Nil
Offensive Trades	...	...	Nil
Factory Acts	...	...	214
Shop Acts	...	...	65
Petroleum Act	...	...	49
Dairies	...	...	8
Ice-Cream Premises	...	...	51
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	93
Bakehouses	...	...	20
Food Shops	...	...	315
Food Stalls and Vehicles	...	...	Nil
Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, Hotel Kitchens, etc.	...	...	38
Food Factories	...	...	7
Other food preparing places	...	...	37
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	14
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	29
Miscellaneous	...	...	16

14 premises were visited in connection with disinfection, as follows:—Bed Bugs 1, Fleas 4, Cockroaches 4, Ants 2, Woodworm 1, Clover Mite 1, Earwigs 1.

Gammexane powder was used successfully against cockroaches and ants.

The woodworm infestation was treated by twice spraying in late Spring with proprietary woodworm spray containing D.D.T.

Rats: Number of Local Authority premises treated ...	...	...	7
„ „ dwelling-houses „ ...	...	...	67
„ „ agricultural premises „ ...	...	...	1
„ „ other premises „ ...	...	...	6
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Total ...	...	...	80

Mice: Number of Local Authority premises treated ...	...	Nil
„ „ dwelling-houses „ ...	...	12
„ „ other premises „ ...	...	1
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Total ...	...	13

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**FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**  
**Part I of the Act.**

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	49	138	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	24	79	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ... ..	54	107	—	—
Total	127	324	—	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ... ..	8	10	—	1	—
Overcrowding ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	4	6	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	1	1	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Total	13	17	—	3	—



Part VIII of the Act.  
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work.	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No <sup>2</sup> of prosecutions or failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Furniture and upholstery ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Textile weaving ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	3	—	—	—	—	—

HOUSING.

Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

(1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	379
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	890
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... ..	Nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... ..	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	12
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	248

Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of  
Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in conse- quence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... ..	239
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Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 ... ..	Nil
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts ... ..	Nil

## (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	Nil
Number of dwelling-houses closed (Section 10, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953)	4
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished ... ..	Nil
(3) Number of houses awaiting demolition ... ..	4
(4) Number of houses closed (undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation) ... ..	Nil

## (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	1
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ...	Nil

## (e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936... Nil

**4. Housing Act, 1936: Part IV—Overcrowding.**

Full information not available, but many cases of overcrowding have now been abated by rehousing.

## Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances remedied during the Year:—

Keeping of animals ... ..	3
Offensive accumulations ... ..	Nil
Sanitary accommodation: insufficient ... ..	Nil
defective ... ..	3
Drainage: reconstruction ... ..	1
repaired ... ..	1
cleansed ... ..	Nil
Cesspools: abolished ... ..	Nil
repaired ... ..	Nil
Conversions to W.C.s ... ..	Nil
Refuse receptacles ... ..	75
Food stores ... ..	5
Water supplies ... ..	10
Walls and ceilings ... ..	12
Floors ... ..	4
Windows and ventilation ... ..	Nil
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks ... ..	2
Staircases ... ..	Nil
Coppers (defective) ... ..	Nil
Dampness ... ..	8
Roofs and rainwater pipes ... ..	12
Yard paving ... ..	1
Chimneys and fireplaces ... ..	11
Miscellaneous ... ..	57



**POST-WAR HOUSING.** (Position at 31st December, 1954.)

					Completed.	Under Construction.
Council—Permanent	...	...	...	...	324	44
Temporary	...	...	...	...	30	—
Private—Permanent	...	...	...	...	98	27

**INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.****Milk Supplies.**

Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	...	7
Number of registered dairies (retail)	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of licences granted:						
(1) Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:						
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	3
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	3
(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilized) Regulations, 1949:						
(a) Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	8
(b) Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	4

**Milk Sampling.**

				No. of samples taken.	No. of unsatisfactory samples.
"Tuberculin-tested "	...	...	...	4	2
"Pasteurised "	...	...	...	9	2
Non-designated	...	...	...	4	—
Number of samples submitted for biological examination: eight, one of which was positive for tubercle bacilli.					

**Ice-Cream.**

Number of premises registered:					
(a) For the manufacture of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) For the sale of ice-cream	...	...	...	...	24
Results of samples taken were as follows: Grade 1					
	2	...	...	...	1
	3	...	...	...	4
	4	...	...	...	1

**Slaughterhouses.**

Number in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
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Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs
Number killed (if known) ... ..	—	1	79	—	1,149
Number inspected ... ..	—	1	79	—	1,149
All diseases except tuberculosis:					
Whole carcases condemned ... ..	—	—	—	—	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	—	—	—	—	39
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis ... ..	—	—	—	—	3.5
Tuberculosis only:					
Whole carcases condemned ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	—	—	—	—	18
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ... ..	—	—	—	—	1.75

4. Food Premises.

	No. in District.	No. of visits.	No. of faults and defects found.	No. of faults and defects remedied.
Cafés, restaurants and canteens ... ..	8	39	3	3
Bakehouses ... ..	5	20	2	2
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14 Food & Drugs Act, excluding ice-cream) ...	9	37	—	—
Food stalls and vehicles ... ..	—	—	—	—
Food factories ... ..	1	7	1	1
Other food shops:				
Fried fish shops ... ..	4	17	1	1
Greengrocers ... ..	15	53	3	3
Grocers ... ..	27	91	6	6
Fishmongers ... ..	4	28	—	—
Butchers ... ..	8	35	2	2
Bakers' shops ... ..	1	7	1	—
Milk shops ... ..	2	14	—	—
Chemists ... ..	2	6	—	—
Public-houses and off-licences ... ..	14	31	4	3
General stores and sweets ... ..	12	33	—	—

Routine inspections were carried out at the above food premises.

Three butchers have provided refrigerated display windows. One butcher has provided new shop front and re-arranged the shop, with improvement to hygiene.

**. Unsound Food.**

The following food was condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:—

	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Butchers' meat ... ..		2	0	10	0
Other food (including tinned food) ... ..		1	1	26	8
		3	2	8	8

Condemned food is disposed of by burial on Council's Refuse Tip.

**. Food Poisoning.**

There were no cases notified during the year.

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